Last week Congressman Blumenauer visited Brightworks, a sustainable consulting company headquartered in Portland. Brightworks has offices up and down the west coast and has helped numerous organizations, public and private, achieve greater ecological, social, and economic sustainability in their operations and building design. In Portland, Brightworks employs 18 people and has 6 employees in Washington and California. An example of one of their projects is helping Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) design their Center for Health & Healing, saving OHSU \$500,000 a year in operational costs . In the last 10 years of consulting, Brightworks is projecting to have saved their clients \$8.5 Million annually in operational costs.

"It's an honor to have Brightworks here in Portland. The work they do, reaching a wide range of clients like Chevron, Facebook, and the federal government, is vital to making our communities cleaner, safer, and more secure" said Blumenauer. "Companies like Brightworks are integral in showing the federal government how to lead by example by using tax dollars in a more efficient, sustainable manner."

